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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) ) Prasad DASIIKA *et al.*  
Application No. ) 10/625,609  
Filing Date ) July 24, 2003  
Title ) METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING  
                ) PROTECTION IN AN OPTICAL  
                ) COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
Examiner ) Guerssy Azemar  
Art Unit ) 2613

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Azemar:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 2, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-12 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-12 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.